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## UNDER THE WIRE.

Hanna Now Seems Likely to Lead in the Race.

Coming Down the Home Stretch Ahead of the Field.

## DESERTING MR. KURTZ

Five Members of the Combine Are Reported

To Have Declared For Hanna in Speeches Last Night.

Columbus, O., Jan. 8.—Hanna is gaining on the home stretch. At the caucuses one week ago, he was beaten and he has been beaten ever since. But there are reliable reports today indicating that he has the necessary 73 votes.

The Hanna headquarters are jubilant and the opposition seems less confident. The opposition has depended upon the following ten Republicans of the legislature: Representatives Mason and Bramley of Cuyahoga, Jones of Stark, Griffith of Union, Otis of Hamilton, Scott of Fulton, Rodkey of Highland, Rutan of Carroll, Manuel of Montgomery and Senator Burke of Cleveland.

This would make the joint ballot stand 73 to 70 against Hanna. At a public meeting in Dayton last night at which resolutions were adopted condemning Gov. Bushnell and the Ohio Republican members and demanding that Charles L. Kurtz resign as the Ohio member of the national Republican committee, the following resolutions were adopted: That Charles L. Kurtz resign as the Ohio member of the national Republican committee, and that the Ohio Republican members of the legislature be requested to vote for Hanna.

There are apparently 72 members now pledged to Hanna publicly, but that is one short and the opposition concede no more except that of Manuel. While Representatives of the Ohio legislature are in Columbus, Mrs. Griffith is here at the Great Southern hotel, where the anti-Hanna men have their headquarters and she is still with the opposition. The anti-Hanna men admit that after securing control of both branches of the legislature, they will take in adjournment from Wednesday to Monday and having the members go home till inauguration day. The Republican members of the legislature are with the Democrats against Hanna were thus confronted with indignation meetings at their homes, which are likely to turn the tide in favor of Senator Hanna.

The opposition made repeated and most persistent efforts last night to get Senator Fowler to come here and take the Hanna side. He was not here. He has been recorded as an indication that he was needed. But the senior senator from Ohio left Cincinnati last night for Washington without stopping at Columbus. It is reported that certain parties met the senator on the way, or before his departure, and that definite efforts are known as to that matter. All efforts to get either Fowler or John R. McLean here have failed, and without them the opposition are the two great factors in "the combine."

The Republican faction fighting in Ohio began in 1880 when ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles F. Smith was governor and was blamed by the Sherman people with dividing the Ohio delegation and causing Garfield to be nominated in place of McKinley.

At the St. Louis convention last June the old faction feeling was controlled by Hanna, who sacrificed everything for McKinley's nomination.

Foraker presented McKinley's name, was chairman of the Ohio delegation, of the committee on resolutions, etc., and Charles L. Kurtz was then made the chairman of the national Republican committee.

The Republican indignation meetings throughout the state are adopting resolutions denouncing Gov. Bushnell and the Republican dissenters in the legislature, and demanding that Kurtz resign from the national committee.

At the general mass meeting to be held here Monday afternoon, as soon as the inaugural exercises are over, the most radical speeches and resolutions are expected "on the pending Republican revolution in this state."

The state's foremost eloquent here tonight, in celebration of Jackson's day, is also likely to bring some interesting developments.

Mrs. Griffith, the wife of the representative from Union county, went home this afternoon to join her husband at Marysville. Mr. Griffith announced to his coming to Columbus. There is no lack of effort. The county on the part of the people to express their wishes to their representative and he is being transferred from the list of the opposition to that of Hanna.

## BLOODY MYSTERY

Box Reported Opened at Charleston, Ia., Containing Parts

Of a Human Body Cut Up Into Bits.

## LIGHT ON MYSTERY.

May Be Cast by a Letter Received at St. Louis.

In Which the Writer Forecasts His Own Murder.

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—Representatives of the Adams Express company opened an ill-smelling box at Charleston and found the remains of a human being cut into bits.

The box had stood several days in the express office. Detectives were at once put to work.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Postmaster Carlisle has received a letter written on a letterhead of Paul Klumb, cigar dealer, at 117 Walnut street, Des Moines, Ia., which may explain the mystery at Charleston. It was the mutilated corpse found in a box there yesterday. The letter follows:

"Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 6, 1898.—Dear Mother: I am Des Moines, and they tried to kill me last night by taking me out on the train. I heard them talking about killing me and putting me in a trunk. I don't ever expect to see you alive again, and good bye dear mother. One of the men is a railroad man that I used to break with."

The letter was enclosed in an envelope, directed to the postmaster at St. Louis, all in the same handwriting. It will be forwarded to West Brownsville, Pa.

A telegram sent to Brownsville, Pa., brought out the information that both Mrs. S. E. Stone and Mrs. Smalley lived there. The former, however, was out of the city and would not return until tonight.

Neither the pursuer nor the murderer have been found, but have been tracked to a point several miles north of the city. The hole was found where the child was forced into the water, together with the pole with which the ice had been broken, but until the man on the track of the fiend returns nothing further can be ascertained.

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## PERSONALLY CONDUCTED.

Deputy Sheriff Sheehan Takes Charge of an Excursion to Lansing.

Shawnee county's quarterly contribution to the state penitentiary was taken to Lansing this afternoon in charge of Deputy Sheriff Larry Sheehan. The sheriff is allowed one guard for every prisoner and there is always a scramble to go. Those who accompanied the party as guards were John Ritchie, Justin Council and Patrick Betts.

There are no desperate prisoners or "long termers" among the prisoners. Two will serve five years and two three years.

In the party is George Worth, an old gray haired man. He is nearly 70 and is doing a hard day's work. He was convicted of a statutory offense and was given the minimum sentence. His victim was a girl, but 12 years old, the daughter of Engineer Holloway of the Santa Fe.

After five years in prison in Anthony, he is the only one in the party and this is his second term. He served a three year sentence on the charge of burglary and had only been out of the penitentiary four months when he stole a watch from Mrs. S. H. Price. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny and Judge Hazen gave him the extreme sentence.

R. R. Romaine, a young man who was convicted of a burglary, stole some clothing from a room near the city jail and was sentenced to two years. He is a cook and worked in a restaurant.

Jerome Coulter stole a cow and sold the animal. He pleaded guilty and received a sentence of three years. Len Henderson was a section hand and was sentenced to two years. He was a burglar and worked in a restaurant.

Calvin Hayes was convicted and received a three year sentence but he did not go with the party. His case has been taken to the supreme court.

## FIEND AT ST. JOE.

A Man Seen to Put a Child Under the Ice.

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## IT IS MILD.

Nature Favors the Klondike Pilgrims This Year.

The Winter Being an Unusually Open One.

## TRAVEL KEEPING ON

Upon the Trails and River Route to Dawson.

Chicago Argonaut Freezes Both Feet and They Are Off.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 8.—T. B. Corey of Seattle, one of the men who arrived here from Klondike on the steamer City of Seattle, said:

My party counted 25 boats and their passengers tied up on Lake Le Barge and twice as many on Lake Tagish. In places along the river they counted 20 more.

Mr. Corey speaks highly of the humane acts of mounted police located en route, who make room in their camps for men to sleep, feed them and sell necessary provisions at actual cost.

On Lake Bennett the party met 14 sleds, drawn by horses, carrying 1,500 to 2,000 pounds to the sled. It was their intention, if possible, to get as far as the foot of Lake Le Barge, and from there to send the supplies along the dog trails. Later it was reported that ten horses, with their loads, had been lost through the ice at Caribou crossing. Mr. Corey said there was a shortage of food, but expressed no fear of starvation, many having gone to Fairbanks. Corey says that Yukon rock has been discovered on Deadwood creek, which is estimated to run as high as \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the ton.

Mr. Corey and J. E. Craeber, formerly of Shamokin, Pa., report that on October 6 a party of seven people left the head of Lake Le Barge, since when, nothing has been heard of them.

Two boats marked Whiteman and Parker, containing 500 pounds of provisions, were found drifting down the river.

Napoleon Dupres and a party of six Frenchmen are reported to have brought upwards of \$40,000 in gold dust and amount to a draft for \$100,000, the proceeds of a sale of some mining property.

The present trip of the City of Seattle is one of the quickest ever made on the Skagway, the run occupying just ten days for the round trip.

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 8.—Twenty men have arrived here from Dawson. Some of them have been in the interior of Alaska for ten years. They say that there is no danger of starvation and no necessity for a government relief expedition. They say that Thirty Mile creek between Dawson and Juneau is open water, and that the Hootlinga is open water, and that they were compelled to take to the side hills. Most of those who arrived tonight are going back as soon as possible with supplies for the coming year.

The trail is reported to be in very fine condition. For two weeks the weather has been very mild.

Lard, the man who was recently arrested at Dawson for stealing \$22,000 worth of gold dust from a saloon in Juneau, has been released. It is stated that the reason of Lard's discharge was that the police had no food for prisoners.

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Skagway, Alaska, Jan. 2, via Seattle, Wash.—Capt. Wood in command of the detachment of the Northwest mounted police, in the district west of Juneau, has been released. It is stated that the reason of Lard's discharge was that the police had no food for prisoners.

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## WOMEN WHO WRITE

For the Newspapers to Have a Meeting at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Woman's National Press association have arranged to meet at Washington, D. C., on the evening of the 17th there will be a reception to the delegates at Willard's from 7 to 10 p. m. All women's press clubs are invited to send representatives and all press women not connected with clubs are invited to be present. Each club is requested to name a speaker and send her name and the subject of her paper to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary M. North, Anacostia, D. C.

Delegates can get reduced rates on railroad tickets, and the national suffrage convention, which will be held at the same time.

## BLACK WAR.

Another Outbreak of Hostilities in South Africa

Between Rebel and Friendly Tribes of Africans.

London, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Capetown says Leretodi, the paramount chief of Basutoland, has attacked Maogha with 15,000 men. Numbers are reported to have been killed and wounded on both sides. Several villages have been sacked. The whole country is in a ferment and all traders are leaving.

## FLYING SQUADRON

Of British Ships to Be Formed For Chinese Waters.

London, Jan. 8.—A rumor is in circulation, emanating from the dock yards at Portsmouth, that a flying squadron of British ships will be formed for service in Chinese waters.

Pekin, Jan. 8.—The Chinese universally resent the government's concessions to Germany.

Toulon, Jan. 8.—The French second class cruiser Pascal, of about 4,000 tons, sailed from here today to reinforce the French fleet in Chinese waters.

London, Jan. 8.—An investigation of the report received from Portsmouth, that a flying squadron of British warships was about to be formed for service in Chinese waters, shows it to be unfounded.

## BIDS FOR GRAZING LAND.

Government Invites Them for Indian Lands in Oklahoma.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The secretary of the interior has issued advertisements inviting bids for the leasing of the grazing lands on the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations in Oklahoma for three years from April 1 next, also for lands on the Wichita reservation in Oklahoma for one year from April 1. These lands are said to be the most valuable for grazing purposes in the United States and amount to about 2,500,000 acres, some of which are fenced and some open.

About one-fifth of the acreage has never been leased before, while the lands in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations have been leased usually for yearly periods. The lands are to be leased to the Indian agent at Anadarko, O. T.

## BRUSH'S HOUSE AFIRE.

Baseball Magnate's Fine Mansion Near Indianapolis in Flames.

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—The beautiful country home of John T. Brush, the baseball magnate, east of the city, is reported on fire and in danger of complete destruction.

LATER—"Lombardy," the home of Mr. John T. Brush, the baseball magnate, three miles east of this city, on Washington street, was gutted by fire this morning. The house was a fine architectural structure, built of stone and cost about \$50,000. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The house was a fine architectural structure, built of stone and cost about \$50,000. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The house was a fine architectural structure, built of stone and cost about \$50,000. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

## BOOK TRUST AT WORK

Trying to Force Out Companies in Texas That Have Obeyed Laws.

Austin, Jan. 8.—Superintendent Carlisle of the educational department is having trouble with school text book companies who failed to get recognition before the school text book board.

It has been reported to him that certain text book publishers whose bids were not accepted by the board on account of high prices, are preparing to push their books into public schools through private contracts with trustees; the prices at which their books are to be introduced not to be considered.

## THE LAST OF MRS. AYER.

Body Which the Richest Woman in Paris

Loved to Paint, Dizen and Adorn, is Committed to A SEPULCHRE TODAY

Funeral of the Wife of Ayer, Patent Medicine Maker,

Takes Place at the American Church in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The funeral ceremony of Mrs. Josephine Southwick Ayer, took place today at the American church.

She was the richest woman in Paris, had the costliest diamonds, the largest number of gowns, the finest horses and carriages and she spent more money than any woman in the city. Her wealth was estimated at \$2,000,000; her income at \$2,000,000, and she spent at every dollar of it. Although she was a liberal contributor to charities and assisted many poor American young men and women who appealed to her for aid, most of her expenditures were for the gratification of her love of display. She purchased one of the largest and most magnificent mansions in the city, in Paris, located in the aristocratic Saint Germain quarter, and furnished it at a fabulous expense, and about ten years ago, soon after she took possession, gave a series of entertainments that astonished the most extravagant circles of Europe.

Of late years she has been in the habit of giving her entertainments elsewhere for a peculiar reason. It is said that she never appeared in public twice in the same gown; that she purchased from 200 to 300 costly dresses every year, and that she never gave one away. Her collection of gowns increased so rapidly that it filled her great house from cellar to garret. All her various drawing rooms were filled with lay gowns and beautiful ball dresses, many of which cost \$1,000 each. She was even at one time a breakfast room in which she took all her meals. At the time of her death this collection of gowns had represented several thousand dresses.

Mrs. Ayer was the best known woman in the American colony in Paris, who was one of the best known women in Paris. She was as familiar to the public as Sarah Bernhardt. Her appearance was as peculiar as her collection of gowns. She was a desperate fighter against death and age she employed a small army of attendants. She had a skillful physician employed, who attended her for the last 25,000 francs a year for his exclusive services. He examined her carefully every morning and evening, and gave her remedies for the largest number of ailments that he could perceive.

She had a masseur from Sweden, said to be the most skillful in Europe, who rubbed her twice a day; she had a maid who did nothing but paint her face and her eyebrows. Like the wife of Nero, she was a devotee of the most elaborate tricks known to the art of beauty that she did not practice in order to give her a youthful appearance. She was over 70, at a distance she looked like a woman of 35, but when one observed her closely, her face was so completely made up that she seemed to wear a mask.

Mrs. Ayer was a genuine Yankee. She was born and bred in Lowell, Mass., and married Dr. Ayer, who was a physician in that city. She came of a good family, and at one time was a school teacher. Dr. Ayer's first medicine was a cough remedy, which proved to be a success. She abandoned the general drug business and went to compounding patent medicines exclusively. Her first medicine was a cough remedy, which proved to be a success. She abandoned the general drug business and went to compounding patent medicines exclusively. Her first medicine was a cough remedy, which proved to be a success. She abandoned the general drug business and went to compounding patent medicines exclusively.

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## BREAD ON THE WATER

Cast by Senator Milton Brown is About to Return.

Major Henry Inman, whose book, "The Santa Fe Trail," has been received with popular favor, is not the only man who will make money out of the venture.

Several years ago ex-State Senator Milton Brown of Garden City advanced Major Inman's considerable money, and in return was assigned one-fourth of the profits in the book. It has been estimated that Major Inman's share will be about \$25,000, and in that event Brown will receive a nice slice to repay him for the money advanced.

The Tax Payers' league will make an effort to reorganize. For several months the organization has been in a poor condition and there has not been a meeting since last summer. President M. Snattinger has issued a call for a meeting at Dr. Hamilton's office next Monday evening to reorganize. The league intends to discuss plans to help the city council enforce the city wage rate ordinance at this meeting.

Katie Emmett, who comes to the Grand theater in this city next Tuesday evening in "The Walls of New York," is celebrating the two thousandth performance of this play at the Ninth Street theater in Kansas City this afternoon. The audience performance marked this number. After the play Mrs. Emmett held a reception on the stage to which all the ladies and children in the house were invited.



MAJOR MOSES P. HANDY.

At Paris, whither he had gone as the special commissioner of the United States to the French exposition of 1900. He returned sufficiently to make the journey to America, and came at once to August.

He was the chief of the department of publicity at the World's fair and a well known newspaper man. He was later connected with the Chicago Times-Herald and was formerly a managing editor in Philadelphia.

## A. B. HULIT'S SCHEME.

Takes a Party of Indians Into Mexico to See the Country.

The following notice of the expedition headed by A. B. Hulit, appeared in the El Paso Herald:

Captain Davis left at Sierra Blanca this morning ten representatives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw who are to settle in Old Mexico. Just across the line from Sierra Blanca. The Indians are accompanied by A. B. Hulit, Elmer Todd and Dr. J. A. Clark. The expedition of the capital will be advanced in cash by those who remain at home to keep up the work of prospecting for two years. Others interested in the scheme are J. W. Kusebaum, A. Kaudeson and N. W. Confer, all of Topeka.

The charter for the company was filed today by W. F. Schoch.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it. If you comment early use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. G. W. Stansfield, 632 Kansas avenue.

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